

rallies, strong defense, and incredible hitting. As a matter of fact, four of their last six wins were come-from-behind victories. It was their "never-say-die" attitude that lifted the spirits and performance of the Shrewsbury High School Baseball team to a level that very few anticipated.

Teamwork was the key to the Colonials' highly successful season. Led on the field by co-captains Catcher Jimmy Board and First Baseman Jamie Buonomo, every player performed to the highest level. The sensational play of outfielders Shayne Barnes, Tommy Crossman, and Tim Kilroy, the outstanding defense of infielders Jon Bacotti, Alex Biaz, Ryan Bigda, Bill Orflea, and Andy Morano, the mastery of pitchers Shawn Walker, Lee Diamotopolous, Brendan Slavin and Mike Sigismondo, the clutch hitting by designated hitter Matt Vaccaro and the numerous contributions by players Bob Roddy, Nick Dion, Matt Amdur, Todd Cooksey, Tim Ford, and Brian Merchant helped make this season such a success. Also, special recognition must be extended to Head Coach Dave Niro, assistants P.J. O'Connell and Jay Costa, and manager Michelle Pessolano.

It is with tremendous pride that I recognize the members of the Shrewsbury High School Colonials Baseball team for an unforgettable

season. I congratulate them on their accomplishment and wish them the best of luck in the years to come.

OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS
ON PORTALS BUILDING

HON. RON KLINK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 25, 2000

Mr. KLINK. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Commerce Committee received a letter from the Department of Justice which stated that the Department found that "there is not a sufficient basis to warrant a criminal investigation" concerning whether a document was "intentionally" withheld by Tennessee developer Franklin Haney or one of his business associates in a "deliberate" attempt to obstruct the Committee investigation of the lease for the Portals building. That building is now the headquarters of the Federal Communications Commission.

This letter marks the second time in two years that the Justice Department has rejected the majority's call for a criminal investigation because staff believed its Portals' work had

been obstructed. In December of 1998—after the Committee's year-long investigation and seven days of hearings resulted in a spectacularly unsuccessful attempt to uncover improper political influence in the leasing of the Portals building—the majority wrote a staff report outlining its unsubstantiated suspicions and asked Justice to determine if the witnesses had made false statements "under oath in a deliberate effort to mislead the Committee and obstruct its legitimate fact-finding processes."

This referral was made, even though not a single witness testified to improper influence, and not a single document provided the necessary evidence. Justice responded by stating that there was no "specific and credible" evidence to support the allegations of perjury and conspiracy.

The majority has never accepted the results of their own investigation or even the FBI's. The FBI has already done an extensive investigation of the origins of and statements in the unproduced document and obtained no evidence to warrant prosecution. So now apparently the allegation is that if the Committee had had the document, it could have done a better job. Nothing in the Committee's history indicates any truth in that statement.